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Charge informed Malian Minister of Foreign Affairs Moctar Ouane and Health Minister Oumar Ibrahima Toure of the USG's active support for Michel Sidibe's candidacy for UNAIDS Executive Director on September 12, a position that had been presaged during U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Michael O. Leavitt's visit. In response to her inquiry about Mali's efforts to promote his candidacy, both replied that while Mali had not yet reached out to Secretary General Ban or formally contacted UN members states in support of Mr. Sidibe's candidacy, they expected to imminently; each expressed gratitude for U.S. support for Sidibe.
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